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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA: PRIME MINISTER ABDULLAH'S CONGRATULATORY  
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

REF: STATE 118192- INSTRUCTIONS

¶1. Malaysia's Foreign Ministry conveyed via diplomatic note a congratulatory letter dated November 5 from Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to President-elect Obama. The text of the letter is included below. We will forward the hard copy once received.

¶2. Begin text of letter:

His Excellency Senator Barack Obama  
President-elect of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President-Elect Obama,

It gives me great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency my sincere congratulations on your success in being elected as the 44th President of the United States of America.

Malaysia and the United States have developed a solid relationship over the years. The future, I am sure, holds many new opportunities for the enhancement of our bilateral ties for the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples. Malaysia looks forward to working closely with the United States to achieve these objectives.

Malaysia also looks forward to working closely with the United States at the multilateral level to find solutions to the many pressing international issues affecting world peace, security and prosperity.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI  
5 November 2008

(End text of letter)

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